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In re Patent Application of:
Ronald E. BOCH et al.

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Application No.: 09/833,406

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Art Unit: 1615

For: DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR
HYDROPHOBIC DRUGS

Examiner: G. Kishore

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.104(E)**

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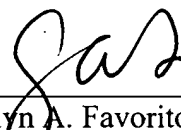
As such, applicants clarify the statement made as follows. Although prior art of record did not teach a composition which "consists of only micelles comprising phospholipids and hydro-monobenzo-porphyrin photosensitizers with diameters below 100 nm," the claims are not limited to "consisting of only" such components.

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